

**Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund/Pacific Salmon Treaty**

**FY2003 Request: \$28,500,000**  
**Reference No: 33647**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation

**Project Type:** Planning

**Category:** Development

**Location:** Statewide

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**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2002 - 06/30/2007

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

The federal fiscal year 2002 (FFY02) appropriations legislation contains funding for the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund. A total of \$110 million was appropriated for the states of Alaska, Washington, Oregon and California. Coordination of the fund is through the respective Governor's offices. The Alaska portion of the federal FY02 appropriation is \$27 million. This request includes \$1.5 million for unanticipated funding from the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund in federal FY01.

**Funding:**

	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$28,500,000						\$28,500,000
Total:	\$28,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$28,500,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased Project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-Going Project
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill

**Operating & Maintenance Costs:**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Total Operating Impact:	0	0
One-Time Startup Costs:	0	
Additional Estimated Annual O&M:	0	0

**Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

Ch 135, SLA 2000, Sec 1, pg 14 appropriated \$14 million in federal funds. Ch 61, SLA 2001, Sec 1, pg 19 and Sec 22, pg 82 appropriated \$18 million in federal funds.

**Summary of the Federal Fiscal Year 2002 Authorization and Appropriation**

This fund was authorized by Congress and is expected to have annual federal appropriations for four years. Federal fiscal year 2002 is year three. The purpose of the fund is articulated in the federal authorizing legislation found in the federal fiscal year 2001 appropriations bill: "For salmon habitat restoration, salmon stock enhancement, and salmon research, including the construction of salmon research and related facilities."

The federal appropriation language contains several requirements relating to these funds.

1. In the FFY02 appropriation Congress allocated \$10,250.0 of the funds as follows:

- a. \$500.0 is provided to study parasitic infection of chum salmon;
- b. \$2,000.0 is provided to restore the Chester Creek salmon run;
- c. \$5,000.0 is provided for an interagency, multi-disciplinary research effort to determine the causes of the decline of salmon species in Alaska;
- d. \$800.0 is provided for hatchery operations;
- e. \$200.0 is provided to restore the King Salmon run in Craig Alaska;
- f. \$250.0 is provided to enable the State of Alaska to participate in discussions regarding the Columbia River hydrosystem management;
- g. \$750.0 is provided to the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission to prevent the escapement of Atlantic salmon to Alaska streams and address other invasive species issues;
- h. \$250.0 is provided for the United Fishermen of Alaska; and,
- i. \$500.0 is provided for the Klawock Lake habitat project.

2. A State-Federal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed in 2000, amended in 2001 and will be amended again. The MOU does not require federal approval of State projects funded by the appropriation.

3. No match is required for these federal funds.

The State intends to apply the salmon funds over a five-year period to address authorized objectives in Southeast Alaska and related ecosystems. The effort will engage experts in biological and fisheries science along with fishing stakeholders and community leaders in an open public process that will identify priority needs and opportunities. The overall objective will be to assure that Alaska salmon fisheries are sustainable and continue to provide jobs and income for Alaskan families. A second important objective will be to engage residents of coastal communities in implementation of funded projects.

Benchmarks for application of the salmon fund in State fiscal year 2003 are:

1. Amend the State-Federal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) defining strategies for effective salmon research, habitat management and restoration, and stock enhancement.
2. Provide a forum whereby coastal community leaders and Alaska residents in the Pacific Salmon Treaty region may collaborate with State, fishers, and scientists regarding goals, objectives, priorities, research, and implementation of salmon research, salmon habitat, and salmon enhancement efforts.
3. Approve State FY03 projects and begin funding and implementation.

The Office of the Governor, through the Division of Administrative Services, will provide overall administration and accountability in accord with the general intent of the federal legislation. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) will coordinate the biological science and fisheries advisory panel, the stakeholder panel, a forum for local community participation, and pursuant to the required MOU, the National Marine Fisheries Service. Based on that coordination, ADF&G will make periodic funding recommendations to the Governor. Consistent with applicable laws and regulations, the State may award grants, direct funding to State agencies, or enter into contracts to implement the priority recommendations regarding salmon habitat, research, and enhancement.